

Nutrition Services in the Birth to 3 Program

Program Description: Birth to 3 is Wisconsin's early intervention program for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities and their families.

Eligibility: For children ages birth to 36 months. Eligibility is based on a diagnosed disability known to result in a developmental delay, a 25% delay in one or more areas of development (cognitive, physical/motor, communication, social/emotional, and adaptive/self-help), or atypical development.

Reference: Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter HFS 90: Early Intervention Services For Children From Birth To Age 3 With Developmental Needs

Reference Summary: A county administrative agency shall provide or arrange for the provision of other early intervention services identified in the child's Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP). Nutrition services are listed as a type of other early intervention services as identified in HFS 90.11 (4).

Nutrition Services:

- **Medical Nutrition Therapy:** Covered

- Nutrition services are provided in accordance with the child's IFSP as relates to a child's developmental outcomes. Nutrition services include:

1. Identifying dietary and nutritional needs;
2. Developing and monitoring appropriate nutritional plans based on assessment results;
3. Conducting individual assessments in nutritional history and dietary intake; anthropometric, biochemical and clinical variables; feeding skills and feeding problems; and food habits and food preferences;
4. Providing nutritional treatment and intervention and counseling parents and caregivers on appropriate nutritional intake, based on assessment results; and
5. Making referrals to community resources to carry out nutritional goals.

Registered Dietitians are listed as qualified personnel to:

1. Provide nutrition services;
2. Serve on the evaluation and early intervention team;
3. Serve as a member of the IFSP team; and
4. Function as the service coordinator.

- **Infant formula:** Not covered

- **Special infant formula:** Not covered

- **Enteral nutritional products:** Not covered

- **Vitamin/Mineral supplements:** Not covered

- **Tube-feeding supplies:** Not covered

- **Special feeding equipment:** Covered

- Purchasing, leasing or otherwise providing for the acquisition of assistive devices are provided in accordance with the child's IFSP.

More information is available at:

Website: <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/bdds/b3.htm>

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